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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4952

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 7987

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, XE
SUBJECT: OPEC JULY PRICE INCREASE UNLIKELY

REF: CAIRO 7680

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY MAY 10, GOE UNDERSECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM SALIM RIZKALLAH TOLD DCM THAT HIS STRONG IMPRESSION FROM RECENT OAPEC MEETING IN CAIRO WAS THAT ADDITIONAL FIVE PERCENT PRICE INCREASE PLANNED BY OPEC ELEVEN WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT TAKE PLACE. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS DEVELOPMENT TO VIGOROUS SAUDI RESISTANCE TO ANY PRICE RISE. RIZKALLAH VIEWED THIS AS GOOD NEWS FOR ALL OF US.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY REGARDS RIZKALLAH, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT SADAT'S PERSONAL INTERPRETER, AS RELIABLE SOURCE IN THIS AREA. FROM OTHER ACCOUNTS OF OAPEC MEETING, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT GET IMPRESSION THAT ANY DETAILED DISCUSSION OF PRICE QUESTION TOOK PLACE, RATHER THAT CURRENT POSITIONS WERE RESTATED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT EGYPTIANS, IN RECENT PRICE NEGOTIATIONS
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WITH AMOCO, INSISTED ON A 7.5 PERCENT INCREASE IN PRICE OF EGYPTIAN CRUDE OIL. GOE IS OBVIOUSLY OF TWO MINDS ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE GOE THEREFORE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OPEC HARDLINER'S POSITION TO MAXIMIZE ITS OWN REVENUES, IT REALIZES SAUDI ATTEMPTS TO HOLD DOWN PRICES ARE NOT UNRELATED TO OVERALL ATMOSPHERE OF ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS INSTANCE, AND RIZKALLAH'S COMMENT ARE GOOD

EXAMPLE, EGYPT HAS BLISSFUL ADVANTAGE OF BEING ABLE TO
DRINK FROM BOTH WELLS.

3. DEPT REPEAT AS DESIRED.
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